



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Production of distillate fuel fell to 3.6 million barrels per day (MMBD) while the four-week average remained at 3.7 MMBD. Diesel fuel production averaged 2.7 MMBD although the four-week average declined to 2.6 MMBD. Total imports averaged 0.3 MMBD, with diesel fuel imports accounting for 0.2 MMBD. Demand remained flat at 3.7 MMBD for the week although the four-week average fell to 3.7 MMBD.
- Although stocks of distillate fuel rose 0.9 million barrels (MMB) from the previous week, they remain at the lower bound of their average range. On September 7, 2001, inventories totaled 121.3 million barrels. Distillate stocks ended the week 9.7 MMB higher than the same time last year. Diesel fuel inventories increased 0.5 MMB to 69.1 MMB while heating oil stocks increased 0.4 MMB to end the week at 52.2 MMB.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	08/17/01	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/08/00	08/17/01	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/08/00
East Coast (PADD I)	426	486	358	451	491	196	285	182	278	243
Midwest (PADD II)	832	912	853	815	953	608	706	654	664	763
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,770	1,729	1,816	1,694	1,746	1,202	1,215	1,271	1,163	1,154
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	163	149	170	152	151	133	130	135	128	133
West Coast (PADD V)	513	493	490	525	460	386	393	386	421	364
U.S. Total	3,704	3,769	3,687	3,637	3,801	2,525	2,729	2,628	2,654	2,657

Distillate Stocks¹ by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	08/17/01	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/07/00	08/17/01	08/24/01	08/31/01	09/07/01	09/07/00
East Coast (PADD I)	49.8	47.5	47.1	49.9	38.9	19.3	17.5	16.9	18.3	15.6
PADD IX	8.7	7.5	7.6	7.9	5.5	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.1
PADD IY	28.6	28.3	28.4	29.3	22.7	9.3	8.4	8.2	8.6	8.0
PADD IZ	12.5	11.7	11.2	12.7	10.7	7.8	7.3	7.0	8.0	6.5
Midwest (PADD II)	25.8	26.5	26.8	26.8	29.9	18.6	18.9	19.1	19.2	21.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	30.2	31.7	31.6	29.9	29.6	19.7	20.9	20.9	19.8	18.9
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.1
West Coast (PADD V)	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.8	10.7	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2	8.5
U.S. Total	120.9	120.7	120.4	121.3	111.6	69.6	69.4	68.6	69.1	66.8

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks held in the Northeast Heating Oil Reserve are not included. For details, see Appendix D in the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov. Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices were mostly up in U.S. markets last week, as government and industry data showed draws in distillate stocks for week ending August 31. This draw was unexpected, coming at a time when distillate stocks are normally building for the winter. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil rose 3.15 cents for the week to 78.75 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price stayed steady at 101.00 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price gained 0.4 cent to end at 149.2 cents per gallon, gaining for the fifth consecutive week. The average was 13.7 cents lower than a year ago, but still the highest since June 4. Prices were mostly up, with small decreases occurring in the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	08/20/01	08/27/01	09/04/01	09/10/01	09/11/00	08/20/01	08/27/01	09/04/01	09/10/01	09/11/00
New York	71.50	76.28	¹ 77.23	80.10	106.65	71.10	75.10	¹ 75.60	78.75	105.05
Chicago	94.15	101.15	¹ 92.79	98.25	106.25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	70.90	75.23	¹ 75.67	78.95	103.15	69.50	73.30	¹ 74.79	77.95	103.45
Los Angeles (CARB)	87.50	94.00	¹ 101.00	101.00	123.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Spot prices are for September 4, 2001, due to the Labor Day holiday.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil	
	08/20/01	08/27/01	09/03/01	09/10/01	09/11/00		
East Coast (PADD I)	137.9	138.7	140.8	141.5	161.0	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>	
PADD IX	146.1	146.0	145.6	146.6	166.1		
PADD IY	144.5	145.4	148.4	149.7	167.1		
PADD IZ	134.3	135.2	137.1	137.6	157.9		
Midwest (PADD II)	140.9	152.1	155.9	155.0	160.2		
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	134.0	135.7	140.2	140.1	157.4		
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	138.8	144.7	152.7	154.4	165.8		
West Coast (PADD V)	146.9	153.6	157.5	161.6	184.2		
California	151.8	157.4	162.8	167.3	197.1		
U.S. Average**	139.4	145.2	148.8	149.2	162.9		

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA = Not Available.

R = Revised.

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